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Status Report on Agent Standbys
15 July through 14 August 1954

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REF: A. SGAA 10906, 22 July 1954
B. SGAW 5533, 29 July 1954

Headquarters' Action Required

None - for information and files.

Synopsis of Events

AIPUMP, AIRELOWN, and AIRWAY were moved from the lodge at WEMCA's demand, because the lodge was too close to PYREX.

AIRWISE and AIRBORNE are in good health and spirits.

RNORDAIN and AIRSLACK met the Kamenice group, three of whom had been active in the WILLOW net.

Account of Developments

1. There are seven OBHUNT agent standbys on hand in addition to GASH.

W/T STANDBYS

2. Upon [] admission to the hospital, [] took over the duty of contacting AIPUMP, AIRELOWN, and AIRWAY the W/T standbys.

3. At an interview with these men on 22 July at the lodge they were instructed to begin a program of physical exercise to get into better shape. They were also asked to begin practicing the translation of material from Albanian to English and visa-versa. On the 24th of July they were given an Albanian English dictionary to assist them with their translation efforts. They were further asked to make recommendations for the P/W effort and told that their contributions would be used

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when they were deemed good enough.

4. The W/T boys were visited again on the 31st of July at which time they were paid. They had been working at their appointed tasks but had nothing prepared in final form.

5. On the morning of the 5th of August [] and [] the COMMO security officer informed [] that the W/T's had to be removed from the lodge immediately. About two weeks prior to this date they had expressed concern over the fact that the "lodge" was in close proximity to the COMMO B site and inquired into the possibility of our moving the W/T's out. We stated at that time that we were awaiting a policy decision on the maintenance of standbys and suggested awaiting this decision. We further stated that we would move the men in the interim if an appropriate location came to our attention but that the personnel were not available to undertake the task of locating and preparing another house. [] and [] agreed to this suggestion. Their change of position was motivated by the fact that the W/T's had questioned [], the COMMO training officer, about station DO5 which they claimed they had heard all over the band. (DO5 is a call sign used by PYREX.)

6. On the sixth of August we complied with COMMO's request by sending the three W/T's to Khalkis.

Agent Personnel

7. AIRWISE and AIRBORNE are living in a house in Menidi. They were contacted on the 20th and 30th of July and the 10th of August. No significant developments have occurred regarding these two men during the period.

8. RNORDAIN and AIRSLACK were contacted at least twice weekly during this period. On the 10th of August the two men were taken to the ranch in a panel truck to meet the group from Kamenice that had comprised part of a WILLOW net. This was done because the presence of the group would become known to RNORDAIN who would certainly seek out these people when they reached Lavrion. We preferred to have the first meeting occur under our auspices and take the credit for arranging it. RNORDAIN was pleased by the recognition although he objected mildly to the HTGRUBBY staff having seen some members of the group before he did. We explained

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that this was a result of the interrogation scheduling and had no other implications.

9. We appreciate very much your comments in reference B and the points made in paragraph three are being given careful consideration.

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